

House Concurrent Resolution No.

Whereas, members of the National Guard as active duty military service members serve our nation at the call of the President of the United States in time of national emergency and in homeland defense initiatives; and

Whereas, members of the National Guard take an oath and serve at the call of the President and the Governors in times of emergency; and

Whereas, retired National Guard members with a minimum of 20 years of service receive entitlements similar to those of active duty military retiree's, including monthly retirement checks, prescription medical services, and access to worldwide space-available military travel; and

Whereas, members of the National Guard are compensated and receive base pay and allowances funded by the United States Department of Defense based on the same compensation programs as active duty military personnel; and

Whereas, as a result of the extended service provided by members of the Missouri National Guard in support of the nation in times of national emergency, retired members with a minimum of 20 years of service with the National Guard should receive the same United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) entitlements as an active duty military retiree, including access to Missouri state veterans homes and veterans administration hospitals and USDVA prescription medical benefits:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to amend their current policies and rules to provide reimbursement to the State of Missouri for National Guard member-related costs for stays in Missouri state veterans homes, and to allow National Guard veterans with a minimum of 20 years of service to participate in the per diem program and receive treatment and service at United States Department of Veterans Affairs veterans hospitals and receive prescription medical benefits in the same manner as active duty military veterans; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Offered by Representative Bill Boucher and Speaker Jim Kreider

Ted Wedel, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and Terry L. Spieler, Secretary of the Senate, do hereby certify that the aforementioned is a true and correct copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. , adopted by the House of Representatives on , 2002, and concurred in the Senate on , 2002.

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

Secretary of the Senate

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